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TAGS: PINR, PINS, PREL, UG, RW  
SUBJECT: UGANDAN GOVERNMENT DENIES FUNDING RPF  
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1. (U) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE, AMAMA MBABAZI HAS DENIED ALLEGATIONS REPORTED IN THE "NEW YORK TIMES" OF APRIL 16 THAT THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT IS FINANCING AND SUPPORTING THE RWANDESE PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF) REBELS WHO ARE FIGHTING THE KIGALI GOVERNMENT. THE "NEW VISION" OF APRIL 19 SAID THAT THE MINISTER DISMISSED THE ALLEGATIONS AS A "COLLECTION OF HEARSAY BY THE JOURNALIST AND UGANDA'S POLITICAL OPPONENTS." THE "NEW YORK

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TIMES" REPORT WRITTEN NY NAIROBI-BASED CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM SCHMIDT, ALLEGED THAT THERE IS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UGANDAN LEADER (MUSEVENI) AND THE RPF, AND THAT THE "UGANDAN LEADERSHIP IS DIRECTLY FINANCING AND SUPPORTING THE REBELS."

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THE MINISTER NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME SUCH ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN LEVELED AGAINST THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT, SAYING THAT WAS WHY THE GOU HAD ASKED FOR A UN OBSERVER MISSION (UNOMOR) TO BE POSTED ON THE UGANDA-RWANDA BORDER. HE SAID THE UNOMOR FORCES HAVE SPENT "ALMOST A YEAR" AT THE BORDER, BUT HAVE NEVER SIGHTED ANY ARMS CROSSING OVER TO THE RPF AS ALLEGED.

2. (LOU) COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE "NEW YORK TIMES" ARTICLE WAS MISLEADING, AND BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION. THE GOU REBUTTAL MAY NOT CHANGE THE VIEW OF THOSE WHOSE MINDS ARE ALREADY MADE UP, BUT AT LEAST IT PUTS THE UGANDAN POSITION ON THE PUBLIC  
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RECORD. END COMMENT.

3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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